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**Lines on the Death of a Father.**  
Sigh softly, oh, ye winds, that roam  
Across that rising mound,  
For one we loved is sleeping there,  
Beneath the cold, damp ground.  
Where willows weep,  
Sigh low and deep,  
And rustle, oh, ye leaves,  
That sparkle on you trees;  
And waft your perfume, roses fair,  
Upon the evening breeze,  
For on life's shore  
He roams no more.

Sing sweetly, oh, thou woodland bird!  
He loved thy music free,  
And oft would sit in evening shade  
To listen unto thee;  
Sing sweetly, then,  
Just once again.

My sad heart mourns, I dare not think  
That death has so lately come;  
Our father gone from the happy throng—  
Gone to his endless home.  
He lives above,  
Where all is love.  
The tears are falling from mine eyes,  
And yet I cannot weep,  
For is not Jesus yet my friend,  
Mid sorrow, oh, so deep?  
Then why forget  
He loves me yet?  
And when my task on earth is done,  
To dwell with him whose loss I mourn,  
Above the deep blue sky,  
He loves me yet,  
Then why forget?  
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**CHAPTER IX.**  
ALICK AT HOME.

To have Alick at home two days was a  
great joy. We could not be lonely where  
he was, and his presence seemed to melt  
away our troubles. If mother's face had  
for a day or two grown grave and pale, his  
coming was sure to bring back his smiles  
and his freshness. For him to be gloomy,  
as on the day when we moved to  
Rocky Bend, was very rare, and that de-  
pression of spirits was easily accounted  
for by the misunderstanding between him  
and father. On the morning after his  
arrival I could not bear to leave his side  
long enough to attend to my duties; even  
when successful in getting about my work  
I felt it unfinished, and so, without a  
word, mother patiently performed her own  
tasks and mine. It did not occur to me  
that she needed him as much as I, and,  
as I now believe, even more, since her  
love was so much greater. I praised our  
new found friends and the village—in  
the exception of our neighborhood—in-  
discriminately, while he took delight in  
teasing me by pointing out their defects.  
I conducted him over the house—not a  
long walk, to be sure, or anywhere much  
of a climb—and made him say that it  
was very respectable, and that it was  
furnished little that, for tent he persisted in  
calling it. I pointed out those hills which  
had begun to be our pride, and he pro-  
nounced the landscape a marvel of beau-  
ty; it would make a fine picture by put-  
ting the McDoel house in the foreground.  
"So it would," I replied, looking criti-  
cally through my hand made into a tube.  
"I will sketch it for you."  
"It will be a masterpiece—great skill  
expended upon a great subject. But  
since I am not quite ready to begin se-  
lecting pictures for my collection, I  
cheerfully waive the gift in favor of some  
more appreciative friend, whom it is to  
be hoped you will be able to find."  
I took him into my garden, claiming  
that to be beyond his criticism.  
"It is passable," he said. "At least I  
am quite sure I should be able to go by  
it without once stopping to admire."  
"Inveterate tease! you deserve banish-  
ment."  
"Which could not be worse than the  
punishment now being inflicted.—Tommy,  
what next?"  
In truth Alick was suffering, for he  
was two by no means in peaceful possession  
of each other's society. It being Satur-  
day, the children were free and where  
ever we went they followed; Henry  
keeping a little at one side, half afraid  
of his man-brother, Mignon putting her  
sunny little head over in the way, and  
Tommy bent on a frolic. Alick stood  
six feet in his boots and was proportion-  
ately stout, but this young masculine  
challenged him for a wrestle, made a  
wager of six cookies that he could throw  
him, paraded in his hat and gloves, tried  
to appropriate his watch; cut a cigar from  
a bunch of cigarettes, held it daintily in  
his fingers and puffed loftily in exact imi-  
tation of Alick; or in some unguarded  
moment tickled his neck or nose with a  
straw, enjoying his fun all the more be-  
cause the object of his assaults did not  
seem to know how to protect himself.  
"If I ever come home again for a day  
or two," said my oldest brother, "I shall  
take care that it be not on Saturday."  
"Oh goody!" quickly returned Tommy  
"Then we'll get dismissed—that's the law  
when we have company. Jolly!"  
"Clay," said Alick, "there's no peace  
but in flight. Can't you show me some  
of the wonders of this marvelous town?"  
Tommy was ready. "I can—Frog  
Roost, Tin Rock, Last Leap and all  
them."

Alick smiled. "Verily the lines have  
fallen to you classic places, admitting this  
youngster's testimony. Could you guide  
me equally well?"  
I feared not.  
"I don't care," said Tommy, "I do know  
where there places are—the boys showed  
me yesterday—and I'll show 'em to you  
if you'll only let me go. Mayn't I?"  
"Not this time; wait until I come  
home again."  
The child wanted to cry, but bravely  
made the best of matters, and, donning  
an old vest and hat of father's and finding  
a walking stick, he took Mignon on his  
arm and paraded up and down the garden  
walk, putting on such old-mannish ways  
that I was nearly convulsed with laugh-  
ter. To show my appreciation of his  
spirit I attempted to give him a kiss just  
as we were going away, but he stoutly  
resisted, probably in proof of what he  
had once assured me, that "big mans  
don't kiss."  
We went first upon the pleasantest  
streets which Alick had not seen, and  
then turned along the course of what was  
usually called the creek but seemed to  
me worthy the name of river. It was  
"crossed in its course" through the village  
with "bridges dams and mills," so we did  
not tarry here, but walked on to the up-  
per pond which was so long and so still  
that it looked like a lake, and by and by  
climbed a hill round which the stream  
swept gracefully between two walls of  
rock. That on the farther side was much  
the higher, and above it was a thicker of  
evergreens which served as a background  
for some distorted old and nearly dead  
trees close by the brink.  
Alick looked down on the graceful  
curve of the stream. "The town finds  
its name here!"  
"I am told so, and it seems evident  
enough. As if the bend and the rock-  
ness were not sufficient, those old trees  
yonder have grown into letters and spell  
out Rocky Bend."  
"Caps or lower case, as the printers  
say."  
"Capital letters. Nature never made  
any other. You think it all a fancy, but  
let me show you. That tall tree, farthest  
on the left with another leaning against it,  
and the curved branch above make the  
R—don't you see? Then those two that  
seem to have sprung from the same root  
and grown away from each other—as  
perhaps you and I shall if you do not  
come home—and to have sent out branch-  
es which came together while the old  
trunks perished."  
"Let me make a better comparison."  
They grew apart as Cousin Ramee and  
mother did, and their branches came to-  
gether as you and Jerry will, and that  
makes an O!"  
"Alick, you are worse than Tommy.  
There's no comfort with you; Jerry goes  
with that dear Nellie Webster whom I  
hope you will see, and I am sure you  
will make such a splendid couple."  
"Perhaps you are glad, and it makes no  
difference whom he goes with—if I have  
any eye he is in love with my accomplish-  
ed sister."  
"Then you have no eyes and it was  
miserable of you to tell me such a fancy.  
In love, indeed! Why we are hardly ac-  
quainted yet, and as for the attention Jerry  
has shown me, it is like that of all  
the rest of the family, out of pure kind-  
ness and respect for mother."  
"I see no reason why you should be so  
much disturbed. It is evident you will  
never marry anyone you do not want, so  
it will all come out right by and by. Will  
you show me the nest of those letters?"  
"There's not the slightest occasion.  
With such wonderful eyes you can read  
for yourself."  
I was thoroughly vexed and turned to  
go away.  
"No, let us sit down under that tree.  
It is a not bad place to rest and I want  
to show you my castle, which at present  
is Spanish, or aerial, as you please, but  
which I hope by and by to set in firm  
earth, to build strong and to fortify. You  
are interested in my plans for the future?"  
"Of course I am, I have no wish to re-  
turn evil for evil."  
"Well, in the first place, I am not go-  
ing to waste any more time—"  
"A wise resolution."  
"I am going to college this fall. I  
ought to have been there two years ago,  
and should have been there had it not  
been for this continual pilgrimage our  
family have kept up ever since we were  
a family. I do not expect to become a  
very learned man, to bury myself in  
musty books, or to go about the world  
with a hammer in my hand, rapping on  
every door to make it tell its story, or  
anything of the kind. But I expect to  
be posted and to keep so. You know  
law is to be my profession, and I believe  
I have talents for it. I am going to make  
it pay. A rich professional man, and I  
just the one the world looks up to, and I  
think that the multitude seeing me shall  
look up, not down. You may think this  
a vain boast, but I am determined—this  
result must come let it cost what it may.  
It shall be."  
"Don't say that, Alick. You remem-  
ber that whatever be our wealth, Divinity  
shapes our ends."  
"There, my dear, you have put in your  
protest and taken your text from a good  
author. You can't improve upon it, so  
let the sermon go, you know I hate it. And  
you know, too, that I can't think of some  
things as we were brought up to think.  
Our father and mother are dear, honest,  
superstitious people—"  
"Whose superstitions I share. Please  
remember that."  
"Don't be vexed. You know I mean  
no disrespect. Although I cannot accept  
your theories and your faiths, I am glad  
to see them in you. In you they are  
graceful and charming."  
"Alick, that sentiment is a too stale a  
weakness to come from your lips, and I  
beg of you never to utter it again. Noth-  
ing but truth can add grace to any woman,  
and there is no truth which can beautify  
her life but should have an abiding place  
in man's soul, and, being there, will not  
also be hidden."  
"Your first proposition seems to require  
consideration. I beg you to think what,  
it would ask you ladies to renounce. But  
really, Chaty, I want to know if I have

after all, I'd rather have my own mother.  
Mr. Kingsley is a dear fatherly man. I  
am going to have a long talk with him be-  
fore long, for I don't think so much about  
good things as I ought."  
As I read this after so many years, I  
wonder whether it would be possible for  
me now to find any company of friends  
or any combination of circumstances so  
perfect as those seemed at that time.  
Here follows my record of the choir  
meeting: "Though only Henry, Grace  
and I were to take part in the singing,  
the others went to please us, or, as I hope,  
partly to please themselves in being near  
us. Grace hasn't a strong voice but she  
is the leading soprano. Kate Guthrie,  
who sits next, sings louder but coarser  
and without cultivation, and Henry has  
trouble in restraining her in order to  
let Grace lead, her singing being so  
much more accurate and musical. Of  
course Kate is a little partial, and the  
one that sits next is also jealous, and  
there's all sorts of trouble, just as there is  
in every choir."  
"Henry urged me strongly to take the  
chief seat, but for once I was wise enough  
to insist on having the lowest. But  
Grace would sit next to me, and it an-  
noyed her brother to have us so far away.  
Our voices blend well; Kate had to be  
checked again and again very gently, and  
finally she was angry and would not sing.  
Sarah Wetmore remained silent also, but  
we seeing the singing go on just as well with-  
out them, they began again. I hope I  
shall not make those girls hate me.  
When it was over Kingsley took Fanny  
home, and Alick and I went with Grace."

On returning we found father and  
mother awaiting us in the parlor, father,  
however, busy with his newspaper. He  
read on, but Alick and I sat down on the  
sofa with mother, and brother told her  
something of his plans. She suggested  
that it might be better for him not to go  
college but to commence his law studies  
at once.  
"You doubt my energy and patience,  
do you?" he asked.  
"Unless you are thoroughly in earnest  
and believe that there is no other course  
for you to pursue, present ardor is not  
enough; underlying it must be strong  
conviction that will not crumble when the  
heat is cooled, or break under the heavy  
blows of disappointment."  
"I did not think you, mother, would  
be the first to discourage me."  
"If my caution has that effect it was  
needed. You will find heavier obstacles  
to have out of your way than my words,  
even at the outset. But if you are  
strong enough to fit yourself thus thor-  
oughly for business, you will gladden the  
hearts of your parents."

A pleasant Sabbath. Brightest and  
calmest and best of all time. The wind  
on Mrs. Summerland's house was green,  
and in contrast with the dark, brownish  
gray of the old wood, made it look love-  
ly, and I was glad, since I had to see it  
every day, that it had never been  
painted.  
The choir met early for a little  
practice before service, and I went punctually  
at the appointed time to find myself the  
earliest of the female singers. As the  
others came I tried to have them pass  
me, but no one would, and our leader  
appeared to be satisfied.  
I was sorry not to sit with Alick, but  
from the gallery I could see him with  
mother, as attentive to her wants and an-  
ticipating them as tenderly as it is possi-  
ble for man to do for woman. Jerry was  
by the side of Fanny, and Nellie Web-  
ster, my model of maidenly grace and  
dignity, sat with her father some dis-  
tance away. Robert Summerland also  
came in with his mother and Mrs.  
Beach. Mrs. Beach looked fussy, and  
Mrs. Summerland older than she is in  
her little, gold-rimmed, black bonnet.  
Robert was dignified and deaconish.

There were two day services at that  
time in Rocky Bend, as in most other  
villages, one at 10:30 in the morning, the  
other at 1:15 in the afternoon. One was  
as essential as the other. Those not in  
the Sunday school could hurry home, eat  
a hasty lunch, and hurry back to take in  
another sermon for intellectual digestion  
before the first and become nourishment.  
Between the second and the evening  
meetings we had dinner, lounged about,  
and tried to feed our minds a little more  
by reading.  
When we were coming home in the  
afternoon, Alick told us for the first  
time that he was going away that night.  
It could not be helped, on no other  
conditions could he come. Jerry dropped  
in to see him and was there to dinner,  
and after a while they went off to the  
store together. Jerry's room was in the  
store. Alick returned alone, and a short  
time after a man in an open buggy  
drove up to the gate.  
"There, he has come for me."  
"Father, looking out, saw a face he  
knew. 'Christopher Campbell then, is the  
man you came with. Do you see him  
often?'"  
"We meet occasionally."  
"But you are not intimate with him?"  
said mother. "Tell me you are not."  
"I don't think I am, but do you know  
any evil of him?"  
"He hasn't a good face, and he doesn't  
stand well in community. I am sure he  
cannot be good enough to be a friend of  
yours."

"Am I then of so much better clay?"  
But I'm going, mother, there's no help  
for it. Dismiss me with your smile, not  
your frown."  
She pressed back the look of pain that  
had come into her face and smiled, whis-  
pering something into his ear as she re-  
turned his parting kiss.  
There was nothing I could say—not  
even good bye, and I let him go most  
unwillingly.  
(To be continued.)

A punster challenged a sick man's vote  
at the city election on the ground that he  
was an ill legal voter.

me yesterday—and I'll show 'em to you  
if you'll only let me go. Mayn't I?"  
"Not this time; wait until I come  
home again."  
The child wanted to cry, but bravely  
made the best of matters, and, donning  
an old vest and hat of father's and finding  
a walking stick, he took Mignon on his  
arm and paraded up and down the garden  
walk, putting on such old-mannish ways  
that I was nearly convulsed with laugh-  
ter. To show my appreciation of his  
spirit I attempted to give him a kiss just  
as we were going away, but he stoutly  
resisted, probably in proof of what he  
had once assured me, that "big mans  
don't kiss."  
We went first upon the pleasantest  
streets which Alick had not seen, and  
then turned along the course of what was  
usually called the creek but seemed to  
me worthy the name of river. It was  
"crossed in its course" through the village  
with "bridges dams and mills," so we did  
not tarry here, but walked on to the up-  
per pond which was so long and so still  
that it looked like a lake, and by and by  
climbed a hill round which the stream  
swept gracefully between two walls of  
rock. That on the farther side was much  
the higher, and above it was a thicker of  
evergreens which served as a background  
for some distorted old and nearly dead  
trees close by the brink.  
Alick looked down on the graceful  
curve of the stream. "The town finds  
its name here!"  
"I am told so, and it seems evident  
enough. As if the bend and the rock-  
ness were not sufficient, those old trees  
yonder have grown into letters and spell  
out Rocky Bend."  
"Caps or lower case, as the printers  
say."  
"Capital letters. Nature never made  
any other. You think it all a fancy, but  
let me show you. That tall tree, farthest  
on the left with another leaning against it,  
and the curved branch above make the  
R—don't you see? Then those two that  
seem to have sprung from the same root  
and grown away from each other—as  
perhaps you and I shall if you do not  
come home—and to have sent out branch-  
es which came together while the old  
trunks perished."  
"Let me make a better comparison."  
They grew apart as Cousin Ramee and  
mother did, and their branches came to-  
gether as you and Jerry will, and that  
makes an O!"  
"Alick, you are worse than Tommy.  
There's no comfort with you; Jerry goes  
with that dear Nellie Webster whom I  
hope you will see, and I am sure you  
will make such a splendid couple."  
"Perhaps you are glad, and it makes no  
difference whom he goes with—if I have  
any eye he is in love with my accomplish-  
ed sister."  
"Then you have no eyes and it was  
miserable of you to tell me such a fancy.  
In love, indeed! Why we are hardly ac-  
quainted yet, and as for the attention Jerry  
has shown me, it is like that of all  
the rest of the family, out of pure kind-  
ness and respect for mother."  
"I see no reason why you should be so  
much disturbed. It is evident you will  
never marry anyone you do not want, so  
it will all come out right by and by. Will  
you show me the nest of those letters?"  
"There's not the slightest occasion.  
With such wonderful eyes you can read  
for yourself."  
I was thoroughly vexed and turned to  
go away.  
"No, let us sit down under that tree.  
It is a not bad place to rest and I want  
to show you my castle, which at present  
is Spanish, or aerial, as you please, but  
which I hope by and by to set in firm  
earth, to build strong and to fortify. You  
are interested in my plans for the future?"  
"Of course I am, I have no wish to re-  
turn evil for evil."  
"Well, in the first place, I am not go-  
ing to waste any more time—"  
"A wise resolution."  
"I am going to college this fall. I  
ought to have been there two years ago,  
and should have been there had it not  
been for this continual pilgrimage our  
family have kept up ever since we were  
a family. I do not expect to become a  
very learned man, to bury myself in  
musty books, or to go about the world  
with a hammer in my hand, rapping on  
every door to make it tell its story, or  
anything of the kind. But I expect to  
be posted and to keep so. You know  
law is to be my profession, and I believe  
I have talents for it. I am going to make  
it pay. A rich professional man, and I  
just the one the world looks up to, and I  
think that the multitude seeing me shall  
look up, not down. You may think this  
a vain boast, but I am determined—this  
result must come let it cost what it may.  
It shall be."  
"Don't say that, Alick. You remem-  
ber that whatever be our wealth, Divinity  
shapes our ends."  
"There, my dear, you have put in your  
protest and taken your text from a good  
author. You can't improve upon it, so  
let the sermon go, you know I hate it. And  
you know, too, that I can't think of some  
things as we were brought up to think.  
Our father and mother are dear, honest,  
superstitious people—"  
"Whose superstitions I share. Please  
remember that."  
"Don't be vexed. You know I mean  
no disrespect. Although I cannot accept  
your theories and your faiths, I am glad  
to see them in you. In you they are  
graceful and charming."  
"Alick, that sentiment is a too stale a  
weakness to come from your lips, and I  
beg of you never to utter it again. Noth-  
ing but truth can add grace to any woman,  
and there is no truth which can beautify  
her life but should have an abiding place  
in man's soul, and, being there, will not  
also be hidden."  
"Your first proposition seems to require  
consideration. I beg you to think what,  
it would ask you ladies to renounce. But  
really, Chaty, I want to know if I have

after all, I'd rather have my own mother.  
Mr. Kingsley is a dear fatherly man. I  
am going to have a long talk with him be-  
fore long, for I don't think so much about  
good things as I ought."  
As I read this after so many years, I  
wonder whether it would be possible for  
me now to find any company of friends  
or any combination of circumstances so  
perfect as those seemed at that time.  
Here follows my record of the choir  
meeting: "Though only Henry, Grace  
and I were to take part in the singing,  
the others went to please us, or, as I hope,  
partly to please themselves in being near  
us. Grace hasn't a strong voice but she  
is the leading soprano. Kate Guthrie,  
who sits next, sings louder but coarser  
and without cultivation, and Henry has  
trouble in restraining her in order to  
let Grace lead, her singing being so  
much more accurate and musical. Of  
course Kate is a little partial, and the  
one that sits next is also jealous, and  
there's all sorts of trouble, just as there is  
in every choir."

On returning we found father and  
mother awaiting us in the parlor, father,  
however, busy with his newspaper. He  
read on, but Alick and I sat down on the  
sofa with mother, and brother told her  
something of his plans. She suggested  
that it might be better for him not to go  
college but to commence his law studies  
at once.  
"You doubt my energy and patience,  
do you?" he asked.  
"Unless you are thoroughly in earnest  
and believe that there is no other course  
for you to pursue, present ardor is not  
enough; underlying it must be strong  
conviction that will not crumble when the  
heat is cooled, or break under the heavy  
blows of disappointment."

"I did not think you, mother, would  
be the first to discourage me."  
"If my caution has that effect it was  
needed. You will find heavier obstacles  
to have out of your way than my words,  
even at the outset. But if you are  
strong enough to fit yourself thus thor-  
oughly for business, you will gladden the  
hearts of your parents."

A pleasant Sabbath. Brightest and  
calmest and best of all time. The wind  
on Mrs. Summerland's house was green,  
and in contrast with the dark, brownish  
gray of the old wood, made it look love-  
ly, and I was glad, since I had to see it  
every day, that it had never been  
painted.  
The choir met early for a little  
practice before service, and I went punctually  
at the appointed time to find myself the  
earliest of the female singers. As the  
others came I tried to have them pass  
me, but no one would, and our leader  
appeared to be satisfied.  
I was sorry not to sit with Alick, but  
from the gallery I could see him with  
mother, as attentive to her wants and an-  
ticipating them as tenderly as it is possi-  
ble for man to do for woman. Jerry was  
by the side of Fanny, and Nellie Web-  
ster, my model of maidenly grace and  
dignity, sat with her father some dis-  
tance away. Robert Summerland also  
came in with his mother and Mrs.  
Beach. Mrs. Beach looked fussy, and  
Mrs. Summerland older than she is in  
her little, gold-rimmed, black bonnet.  
Robert was dignified and deaconish.

There were two day services at that  
time in Rocky Bend, as in most other  
villages, one at 10:30 in the morning, the  
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# MEXICO INDEPENDENT.

MEXICO, THURSDAY, FEB. 6, 1873.

## News of the Week.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

The Lehigh Coal Exchange has advanced the rates for the next month 35 cents per ton.

The syndicate has decided to open the subscription books for the new loan simultaneously in this country and Europe on February 4, and keep them open until the evening of February 7.

Snow drifts are sixteen feet deep at some points on the Union Pacific railroad, and a number of men are reported to have perished while clearing away the drifts.

The state Senate has passed the bill extending the time for collection of taxes until March 15.

The Tweed jury came in at half past ten, on Friday morning. The foreman announced that it was impossible to agree and the jury were accordingly discharged.

Judge Davis has declined to order a new trial in the case of William M. Tweed, owing to a doubt as to whether the present term of Oyer and Terminer can continue, and has left the District Attorney to take such further steps as he may think proper at the new term.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 31.—Senator Pomroy appeared by counsel before Judge Norton of the District Court, to-day, and waiving an examination, gave \$20,000 bail for his appearance at the June term of the court.

The jury in the Wharton trial were unable to agree, and have been discharged. They stood eight guilty, four not guilty.

Four boilers in the American Iron Works, near Pittsburg, exploded simultaneously on Monday. Six persons were killed, thirty wounded, and the building greatly damaged. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The stean boiler in the Geddies rolling mill, exploded at noon Feb. 3, severely injuring one workman and slightly injuring several others. The boiler was a new one and the cause of the accident is unknown. The building and machinery were damaged to the amount of \$5,000.

Miss Charles Sumner is occupying her time in Europe chiefly in doing good to others. More than one American family to whom dire disease has come in foreign lands, has found a faithful and efficient nurse in Mrs. Sumner. In one instance, she traveled from Florence to Vienna to nurse several members of an American family of whose serious illness occurred at the same time she had heard.

The N. Y. Post states that an examination of the accounts in the comptroller's office and the different city banks reveals the fact that the thefts of the special Board of Audit were greater than heretofore supposed, amounting to some \$10,000,000. It is believed the new evidence is sufficient to fasten guilt upon every person who received any of this stolen money, and many politicians who have thus far escaped will be called to an account. It is also asserted that additional frauds on the department of public works have been discovered and the proofs of guilt are complete. The above Board of Audit was composed of Tweed, Connolly and Hall, and Tweed was at the head of the public works.

WASHINGTON.

The President signed the bill abolishing the franking privilege on Friday.

The President has vetoed the bill appropriating \$18,500 for the relief of the East Tennessee University, on the ground that the bill establishes a precedent for the payment of all claims for war damages and would place a heavy burden on the country.

The public debt statement for January shows an increase of \$406,243.18.

The reason of the increase of the public debt is stated at the Treasury Department to be on account of the payment during the past month of the interest on the Pacific railroad bonds over the amount retained from pay for services rendered of \$1,826,274. Had it not been for this advance to the Pacific railroad the debt would have been decreased \$1,420,030.88. There were also disbursed from the Treasury, during January, in addition to the interest on the Pacific railroad bonds, to the Board of Public Works in this city and \$1,000,000 on account of deficiencies in the postal revenue, making the total amount of extraordinary expenditures during January \$4,066,294.

The Credit Mobilier has appealed to the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia, asking for a decree of dissolution, which the Court has preemptorily refused to grant.

Sergeant at Arms Ordway, having prepared quarters in the basement of the capitol, J. B. Stewart the witness who refused to answer certain questions propounded by the Wilson committee, was conveyed thither. It is the same room which was formerly occupied as the studio of Miss Vinnie Ream, and where she remodelled the statue of Lincoln.

Representative Kelley has sent a letter to Judge Poland, chairman of the Credit Mobilier committee, enclosing his check for \$300 as the amount of his balance of a loan due Ames from Kelley, and directing that a certificate of ten shares of Credit Mobilier, which Ames declares belongs to Kelley, with all dividends due, be transferred to the United States, to which he considers such property belongs, in the light of recent revelations.

Prof. Amasa Walker spent most of Thursday upon the floor of the House, and engaged in general conversation with members upon the subject of the currency. He is of the opinion that no legitimate business interest of the country desires any further inflation of the currency. He cited as one of the evil effects of the instability of our circulating medium, the fact that one of the largest book publishers in the United States has his books all made in England, pays import duties, and then saves 25 per cent. in the cost of their production. Mr. Walker, who is one of our ablest thinkers upon finance, is of the opinion that the country is further removed from the period of specie resumption than it seemed to be one year since, and evidently believes the day is far distant when resumption will be practicable.

The Treasury Department has finally put its foot down and imperatively ordered the collection of the scrip dividend tax due from the New York Central Railroad Company, amounting to \$400,000. The collector of the internal revenue at Albany, who has the reputation of being a prompt business man, has been entrusted with the duty, and, in default of payment, ordered to seize such portions of the rolling stock of the road as will cover the account.

## Congress and Credit Mobilier.

What is the matter in Congress? What is all this investigation about, in which so many eminent public men figure? What is the Credit Mobilier? And what have all these Senators and Congressmen done that brings down upon them so much criticism? Is it anything more or less than a commercial transaction, which politicians are trying to work up against their adversaries, for political effect? Bad as such a use of political animosity would be, one could wish that it were only that.

Let us begin at the beginning. About 1852 a bank was established in Paris designed to facilitate the operations of all capitalists and contractors who were engaged in the construction of great public works—railways, canals, quays, bridges, hotels, etc., etc. The idea of a bank devoted to some special interest was not new, and is common among ourselves—at least in theory—as the names indicate—Corn Exchange Bank, Butchers' and Drovers' Bank, Mechanics' Bank, Merchants' Bank, Leather Dealers' Bank, etc.

The Credit Mobilier was devoted to the interests of contractors upon great public improvements, by loans, guarantees, and by the purchase of shares or the assumption of contracts; and though for a time it was largely profitable, and was of great public utility, and was imitated in Austria, Prussia and Italy, yet it fell under the imputation of being a speculative concern, immoral and dangerous; and in the enthusiasm of his opposition to it, the great advocate, M. Berryer, pronounced it "the greatest gambling-house which the world has ever seen."

But what has all this to do with the Union Pacific Railroad? We shall see.

It will surprise one who did not know the interior feelings of America, during her vast civil war, that the greatest road of the age, or of any age, running across an unpeopled continent, and over the loftiest range of mountains in the western hemisphere, should have been undertaken at a time when the whole nation was oppressed with the great war. But it was war for the maintenance of the Union. The heart of the people was hot for the Union. The plan for building together the continent from west to east found itself rushing in the channel of public enthusiasm. Congress dealt bountifully with the companies that petitioned it to lend help. The work was national, and worthy of magnificent patronage, and never did Legislature more magnificently perform a great enterprise.

Two lines westward across the continent, forty miles apart. Of this broad belt, forty miles wide and thousands long, said Congress, "let the road have ten alternate sections of land per mile; let it have a right to issue bonds for every twenty miles completed, equal in amount to the Government loan to the road; there shall be a loan of Government bonds to the road, for sixteen thousand dollars a mile, for the portion east of construction; thirty-two thousand a mile for the more difficult; and forty-eight thousand for the mountainous section. The government bonds shall constitute a second mortgage on the road, the company's own bonds being a first mortgage on the road and its franchises; and another class of bonds, resting upon the lands, shall be permitted." The Trans-continental Road was a magnificent enterprise—yet even the enterprise more magnificently endorsed! The land grant alone was more than 12,000 acres per mile, equivalent to a vast twenty square miles! The Company could issue bonds on every completed section of the road to an amount equal to the Government loan on such section; and the Government loan, by itself alone, was sufficient to build the road! For, as good luck would have it, the sections which Government agreed to pay thirty-two thousand and forty-eight thousand dollars per mile, were, to a large extent, not much more expensive to build than those for which it paid sixteen thousand!

And yet the road could not be built! Capitalists did not choose to advance, at any ordinary rate of interest, the enormous sums required. Unless an extravagant profit could be secured they would not venture what they deemed a prodigious risk.

The victorious temptation was soon found. A Credit Mobilier offered to build the road for the Union Pacific Company. And what was this Credit Mobilier? An old Pennsylvania charter was cheaply bought, its name, "Fiscal Agency," changed to Credit Mobilier of America. This revamped concern, like another Noah's ark, was hauled alongside of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, and into it, straightway, got all of the principal members of the railroad company, and a nice voyage have they made of it! What happened? Why, as there was but a difference of name between Credit Mobilier and Union Pacific, as the same men managed both, and sat to-day as members of the Union Pacific, and to-morrow as Credit Mobilier, the issue was, that the gentlemen entrusted with the management of the Union Pacific road, made a bargain with themselves to build the road for about twice the actual cost, and pocketed the profits, which have been estimated at about thirty million dollars! The Nation says:

"The way in which they built the road was this: First, Two hundred and thirty-eight miles were built under the management of the Union Pacific Railroad, at a cost of \$27,500 per mile, and then the Union Pacific made a contract, through Mr. Oakes Ames, with the Credit Mobilier to complete the undertaking at from \$47,000 to \$103,500 a mile; this contract was made to apply to the two hundred and thirty-eight miles already built; that in to say, the Credit Mobilier agreed to build a road already built and for this same corporation agreed to receive as a profit for not having built it the difference between the actual cost and the contract price. This contract was made in October, 1867, and it proved very profitable. On June 17, 1868, the stockholders of the Credit Mobilier received 60 per cent. in cash, and 40 per cent. in stock of the Union Pacific Railroad; on the 2d of July, 1868, 80 per cent. first mortgage bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad and 100 per cent. stock; July 3, 1868, 75 per cent. stock, and 75 per cent. first mortgage bonds; September 3, 1868, 100 per cent. stock, and 75 per cent. first mortgage bonds; December 10, 1868, 200 per cent. stock; while, before this contract was made, the stockholders had received, on the 29th of April, 1866, a dividend of 100 per cent. in stock of the Union Pacific Railroad; on the 1st of April, 1867, 50 per cent. of first mortgage bonds were distributed; on the 1st of July, 1867, 100 per cent. in stock again."

This is the kind of stock which men are inclined to buy. Seven or eight hundred per cent. on any investment, in a

few months, ought to satisfy a reasonable fiscal ambition. But the road having been stripped of a vast property for the purpose of enriching those who should have been its guardians, that soon happened which was to be expected. It could not pay the annual interest on the bonds loaned to it by the Government.

The vast property which the road should have had to meet all its engagements was swallowed up by Credit Mobilier—i. e., among the officers and managers of the Union Pacific road.

It is plain that the Union Pacific would need warm friends in Congress. There was a good deal to be done, first or last, to mend its broken fortunes, and make up the weakness entailed upon it by its friends. The managers of the Credit Mobilier thought that there would be no harm in placing a little of their stock in the hands of influential Congressmen. There is no reason, except sensibility to reputation for immaculate honor, why a Congressman should not buy that stock. Nothing of the internal history of Credit Mobilier, and knew little of the legislation which might arise in connection with it.

About July of last summer, 1872, when the Presidential canvass began to grow warm, a certain Col. McComb quarreled with his partners in Credit Mobilier about the ownership of some 250 shares which he claimed, but which were assigned to Oakes Ames, member of Congress from Massachusetts, and the chief manager of Credit Mobilier; to be among members of Congress. McComb disclosed these facts, and published the names of a number of gentlemen who, he affirmed, had been mentioned by Mr. Ames as recipients of Credit Mobilier stock. Among these were Henry Wilson, United States Senator, and candidate for the Vice-Presidency; Mr. Blaine, of Maine, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Senator Patterson of New Hampshire; Judge Kellogg of Pennsylvania; Schuyler Colfax, Vice-President of the United States; Mr. Garfield of Ohio; James Brooks, of New York; Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts; Logan, of Indiana, and several others. The charge of receiving Credit Mobilier stock was, in general, indignantly denied by all the parties. Instead of avowing the simple truth, as they should have done, and claiming the right, as much as any other man, to deal in public securities, they, with one or two exceptions, equivocated, seeking to leave upon the public mind an impression that the charge was false. The investigation now going on has exposed these subterfuges. Mr. Senator Wilson and Mr. Speaker Blaine seem, by general consent, to have come out of the ordeal unscathed. But the rest present a more pitiable plight than was ever before seen in the history of the American Congress. Several are convicted of evasions and disingenuousness; others of the most suspicious forgetfulness of facts, and some of astounding falsehoods. It is true that the investigation is not concluded at the present writing, and we fervently hope, though with faint expectation, that some redeeming light will be thrown upon the case. If not, some names which all men have honored will be deeply stained with dishonor.—*Christian Union*.

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HOME AND COUNTY.

**Silver Wedding.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Menter, of this village, were to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their wedding life on the 28th ult. Friends and neighbors were all cordially invited to join with them in celebrating the event in the evening of that day. Much business was put aside to attend that anniversary, but the elements were against us. About 1 o'clock in the afternoon a snow storm began to rage, and before 5 it was furious; but nothing daunted, Mr. Menter sent word to the guests to save their appetites and further fixings until the 30th, which we did; but surely we felt as if we would not like to fast another week. Thursday was a pleasant day, and while the windows were yet burdened with the setting sun, internal lights sent forth, and guest after guest was ushered in until about 60 presented themselves. All seemed intent on enjoying the occasion. A rich repast was served, consisting of every thing heart could wish or appetite crave. One gentleman made himself very useful as well as ornamental in placing warm iron to the ladies' feet while they ate ice cream, for which he has our hearty thanks. Many valuable gifts were laid on the table—two cake baskets, casters, &c., &c. After refreshments were served, Mrs. T. Wheeler read a poem written for the occasion, to which Mr. Menter replied, saying this was one of the pleasantest evenings of his life, and ere the small hours of night, Morpheus took the tired party to dream-land.

**A SPECTATOR.**  
TO MR. AND MRS. MENTER.  
Ring, ring the bells, the silver bells,  
And let the echo roll;  
Twenty-five years and all a well,  
Each year new scenes unfold.  
We greet you one and all of us,  
As on this winter's eve!  
We join with you in thankfulness  
For blessings God hath given.  
Through summer's heat and winter's cold  
You've labored hard to gain  
A home for you when you've grown old,  
Nor have you tumbled in vain.  
Your garners, they're all well filled,  
You've wealth laid up in store;  
Methinks there's one thing lacking still,  
Ah! yes, there's one thing more.  
It's prattling bells, the rosy bells,  
To cheer this home of yours,  
And Joe and Jim and Ed and Will,  
To cultivate the flowers.  
To roll the hoop and fly the kite,  
And sport upon the lawn;  
Then when you take a drive  
To bid dull cares be gone.  
We wish you many a prosperous year,  
Twice twenty-five we'll say;  
We wish you healthy years,  
Whether long or short the stay.  
And when another banquet's spread,  
Perhaps the golden one,  
May you be joyous then as now,  
And say, "Thy will be done."  
MRS. L. A. BROWN.

**An Interesting Occasion.**  
On Friday evening last we had the pleasure of attending a meeting of the Mexico Amateur Dramatic Society, held at the Brick school-house, district No. 8. The following is the programme of the exercises:  
1. Declaration, Nicky Knight—"Catalina."  
2. Recitation, Ida Becker—"Give them mothers."  
3. Essay, Ida Saladin—"Education."  
4. Essay, Addie Brown—"Laughter."  
5. Debate—Resolved, That a bad education is worse than none.  
6. Speakers (Affirmative), Olin Ballard, Fred French, Chas. Geiner, George Severance, Stung Bennett.  
7. Negative—H. C. Plumley, Nicky Knight, David Maines, Ed. J. Stone.  
8. Question decided in the affirmative.  
9. Reading Amateur Review by John Severance, Editor.  
10. We were unable to be present in time to hear the Declaration and Recitation, but both were well spoken of. The Essays gave evidence of considerable thought, and were listened to with much interest. The Debate was animated and conducted in a manner that would have done credit to more experienced debaters.  
11. The Review was a very humorous and interesting one, and much relished by all present.  
12. The President (J. B. Stone) performed the duties pertaining to his office in a very creditable manner, and good order prevailed during the entire meeting.  
13. At the close of the exercises, Mr. David P. Taylor, who shows his interest in the society by attending all its meetings, made a few timely and valuable suggestions, for which the members accorded him a round of thanks.  
14. About five persons were present, and we rejoice to know that the Society is increasing in interest and numbers. Such an organization, conducted in a proper manner, cannot fail to be beneficial to all who participate in its exercises. Hence we wish it abundant success.

**The Episcopal Church Sociable** will be held at Mrs. Conklin's, on Thursday evening (Feb. 6th) of this week. All are invited.  
**PURE GOLD.**—I mean the Sunday-school Singing Books belonging to the M. E. Church in this place, copies of which many persons have taken away. They will confer a great favor upon the school by returning them at the very earliest opportunity. They are much needed.  
**L. MILLER.**  
**AN OYSTER SUPPER**—will be given at Chick's Hall, Prattville, on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst., for the benefit of the Prattville Church and Society. Tickets \$1.00 per couple.  
**Mr. Ostr.**—In order to make room for other goods, I shall close out my entire stock of Boots and Shoes at cost, and no running.  
**E. H. WADSWORTH.**  
**NOTICE.**—All persons indebted to me will please call and settle immediately, as I must have the money to use. I have also a lot of household furniture which I wish to dispose of before the first of April, as I wish to board.  
**MRS. E. J. SPENCER.**  
Mexico, Feb. 4, 1873.

**Real Estate Sales.**  
Barbara Bauman to Julius Bauman, 66 90-100 acres in West Monroe, \$250, December, 1872.  
John Walburger to Julius Bowman, fifty acres in West Monroe, \$25. November, 1862.  
Henry Willard to Mary A. Titus, six acres in Constantia, \$600. December, 1872.  
Melissa A. Rhodes to Adolphus D. Herrington, 30 acres in Richland, \$2000. August, 1873.  
Isaac Fellows to Sophia M. Fellows, 5 of an acre in Richland, \$500. August, 1872.  
James Austin to Isaac Fellows, lot in Palaski, \$1,800, January, 1872.

**PARISH.**  
Parish has furnished another convict for the Pulaski jail in the person of a young man by the name of Welden. He was convicted of stealing tobacco and whisky from Ludington's drug store, and sentenced for 30 days imprisonment by Justice Baxter, on Thursday last. Officer Wightman politely assisted the convict in finding his new boarding place. Welden claimed he had an accomplice. Welden's family, it is said, are in destitute circumstances, and Poor-master Edick is assisting them.  
At the recent donation here for the benefit of Rev. J. B. McCollough, \$236.16 were received.  
Mr. Edward E. Blinn, of Brewerton, has established a clothing store in the Warren block.  
Harter Woodson will speak in Waverly, Tioga county, during this month; after this month he is permanently engaged at Deansville, Oneida county, for half of the time.  
Our esteemed cousin, Willie Tillapaugh, of Mexico, Deputy Sheriff, was in town the other day, endeavoring to exercise a sanitary influence over rascals. Our white hat was made a target for some nepotism shooting; Grant and Greeley missiles flew rapidly about, but very little thunder was heard, for the "Credit Mobilier" had stolen that away. We are a *useful* and *orderly* people. We are *not* to have our relation hold office rather than Gen. Grant's, for there are no Crammers or Casseys among them.  
Consin Willa, blandly serve the papers Upon those who cut up ugly capers, And when they count is sent to jail, With them, like "Honest Horace," be his hall? Or like General Grant, who, like a shark, Would send him as Minister to Denmark?  
The proposition to build a new school-house at present is negatived. This negative is owing more to details than to the fact that we do not need a new house. There will be a new house built as soon as the District is properly organized and the details of the matter properly arranged. But very few have any appreciation how to build a school-house—the site, the arrangement of the rooms with regard to light, their convenience in regard to each other, and the size of rooms with reference to the volume of air for respiration, so that the air could not be oppressive to the tender youth, are worthy of special regard.  
The warming of rooms is no small matter for consideration. There are other things which begin to attract the attention of the learned in building school-houses, *viz*: the rooms should be arranged in some way so that the magnetic electric and psychological influences of children and teacher should not hinder but help each other in mental development. Some think the material of which a school room is made of has much to do with this matter. It is a query with some whether it is better to have a school room in a circular or a parallelogram form. We are inclined to the parallelogram; but before we vote to build, we wish to be satisfied upon this point. Those who are pressing the matter of building have never broached to us the details. They seem to be without any philosophy in the matter. Elegant houses may be built, but they may be very far from being philosophical. We don't want tinsel or specially ornamented houses, but plain, convenient, and arranged for mental and moral improvement. School rooms especially for the young should be on the first story. Climbing up stairs is a little more roof is far better to have a little less roof and healthy children, than little less roof and unhealthy ones. Discussion has commenced now, and we believe it will result in the end in building of an excellent, philosophical, but plain and durable house.  
Ond.  
Parish, Feb. 1, 1873.

**DONATION VISIT.**—There will be a Donation Visit for the benefit of Rev. James Vincent, at the Hotel of Levi Gilman, Palermo, on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Feb. 12, 1873. A cordial invitation is extended to all.  
**By Order Com.**  
**FIREMEN.**—An adjourned meeting of the Fire Brigade will be held in Fireman's Hall, on next Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of hearing report of Committee.  
**JOHN WING, Chief.**  
**NEWSPAPER CONSOLIDATION.**—The Os-Advertiser and the Oswego Press have been consolidated, and came to us on Saturday under the name of the Oswego Times. It is owned and published by the Oswego Publishing Company, and managed by the following gentlemen as a Board of Directors: Benjamin Doxlittle (President), Elias Root, John C. Churchill, Thomas Kingsford, George B. Sloan, Thomas H. Mott, and Alonzo H. Failing. The Times represents the union of the two factions of the Republican party in Oswego, and will prove a strong paper.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**—We are indebted to C. H. Goodwin, Esq., for the Annual Financial Report of the Auditor of the Canal Department, and the Annual Report of the Comptroller; to Rev. A. P. Burgess for a copy of the Massachusetts Temperance Alliance; and to Mr. Goodwin Brown for a copy of the Cornell Era.  
**WE** call attention to the article on the use of slang phrases on our fourth page. This is a growing evil which parents and teachers need to guard against, both in themselves and those under their care; while the young should remember that to indulge in slang is vulgar, not smart.  
**FOUND.**—In this village, on the 23d ult., a small sum of money. The owner can have the same by calling at this office, proving property and paying charges.

**THE WORLD ALMANAC.**—We have received the World Almanac for 1873. It is full of interesting and valuable tables, and other useful information, and should be in the hands of every politician. Price 25 cents.

**Union Square.**  
Deep snow and increase of our taxes remind us that we are part and parcel of old Mexico. And while it is a consolation to know that a deep snow is a protection to the land and insures a good growth of grass, we fail to see anything very comforting in flimsy apologies for high taxes on the part of our officials; we prefer retrenchment to excuses.  
This is a time of rest, reading and recreation to the independent farmer whose stores are well supplied; and it is also a time for maturing plans for the coming season.  
Log drawing is the order of the day with us. It takes one and a half million feet to stock the steam mill at this place, and at this rate timber will be scarce in a few years in these parts. The mill is now running, having stood still some two months.  
On the 30th of Jan., 1873, was the first shipment of ore from the north to Syracuse on the S. N. R. R. This is the result of a connection with the New York Central R. R., and will prove a large source of revenue to S. N. R. R. Co. The general business of the road is constantly on the increase.  
The repeated rumors that the R. R. soon would be in the hands of R. W. & O. R. R. Co., are all false. And we have the best of authority for saying that there is no prospect of such result. The people all along the S. N. R. R., as well as the city of Syracuse, are decidedly opposed to any such arrangement, and there is no financial reason for making it. And we think the business men of Mexico have no desire for any such result, preferring the present R. R. competition to the old monopoly. The business at our depot is on the increase. Large quantities of lumber, bark, saw-dust, potatoes, &c., are being shipped to the south, east and west, and we are receiving merchandise, salt, lime and plaster.  
Union Square, Feb. 4. H

**Homesteads for Soldiers and Sailors.**  
We print below the text of the bill recently passed by the House of Representatives to enable soldiers and sailors, honorably discharged, their widows and orphaned children, to obtain homesteads on the public lands:  
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that every private soldier, musician and officer, who served in the army of the United States during the late war, for ninety days, and was honorably discharged, including the troops mustered into the service of the United States by virtue of the third section of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for completing the defenses of Washington, and for other purposes," approved February 13, 1862; and every seaman, marine and officer, and other persons who served in the navy of the United States or in the marine corps, during the late war, for ninety days, and who was honorably discharged; and the widow of any such soldier, musician, seaman or officer, or if there be no such widow, his orphan children, under twenty-one years of age, shall be entitled to enter a quantity of public lands (not mineral), not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, or one quarter section, which shall be composed of contiguous tracts, according to legal subdivisions, including the alternate reserved sections of public lands along the line of any railroad or other public work, or other lands subject to entry under the homestead law of the United States, and receive a certificate of such entry, without the payment of any government fees.  
SEC. 2. That such entry shall be made in the name of the person entitled as above, or by agent, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe; and the patent for the land so entered shall be issued only to such soldier, musician, seaman or officer, or to his widow or orphan children, provided for in the first section of this act, who made the entry; but no sale of such land, or of any interest therein, or power of attorney authorizing such sale, or other contract or agreement in any wise affecting or concerning any such land, made, executed or entered into prior to the issuing of the patent therefor, and to the person to whom such patent shall be issued, shall be of any effect whatever, except such sale, power of attorney, contract or agreement shall be null and void.  
SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe rules and regulations to carry the several provisions of this act into effect.

**PEITION.**—The following petition to the Legislature, designed for circulation throughout the State is now going the rounds, and receiving names in this village:  
We, the undersigned, citizens of the State of New York, most respectfully request your honorable body to enact a law to prohibit the sale or giving away of intoxicating liquors in the countries, cities, towns and wards in which a majority of the voters shall demand local prohibition; and, when sold, to render the seller and owner of the premises where sold liable, as in the statute in such cases provided in the State of Ohio; and we will ever pray, &c.  
**WE** learn from the Register that the Phoenix Union Agricultural Society, composed of the towns of Phenix, Lyander, Clay and Schroppel, has elected articles of association and chosen trustees as follows: D. Sutlin, E. E. Burgess, D. C. Toll, J. Pardee, E. N. Carrier, Joseph Somers, Andrew Soule, Chester Butts, Cornelius Hogg, Martin Walters, M. T. Butts, A. P. Hart, Jas. E. Grege, E. S. Cook and Jonathan Butts. The annual fair of the society is to be held on the grounds of the Pendergast Driving Park Association in the town of Lyander, just across the river from Phenix.

**JUST RECEIVED**—at this office the latest style of type for calling cards. It is the handsomest type of the kind we have ever seen. We have also a fine assortment of cards. Call and see them.  
**WE** are indebted to the proprietors of the Watertown Times for a copy of their Almanac for 1873. It is finely illustrated, and contains much interesting matter.  
**THE WORLD ALMANAC.**—We have received the World Almanac for 1873. It is full of interesting and valuable tables, and other useful information, and should be in the hands of every politician. Price 25 cents.

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**APILES Wanted.**  
100 bbls. Apples wanted, for which the Highest Market Price in Cash will be paid by E. H. Wadsworth

**Ladies, Read This!**  
We would call the attention of Ladies to our large stock of Cloakings, such as Beavers, Broad Cloths, Ladies' Cloths and Waterproofs, of different grades and kinds. We have the Newest Patterns and Trimmings for Cloaks, and will out and make them to order in the most approved style and at short notice. Cloak Cloths bought of us will be cut free of charge.  
STONE, ROBINSON & CO.  
Mexico, Nov. 7, 1872.

**Frames for sale**—"Wide Awake & Fast Asleep," at Ballard's Furniture store  
**Subscribe for your Magazines at 5-4t VIRGIL'S.**  
**High Livens**, those indulging in case and pleasure, and those of sedentary habits, can prevent Boils, Carbuncles, Gout, Rheum, Eruptions, Eczema, Constipation, Piles, Drowsiness, Biliousness and other conditions induced by such habits, by taking from four to six of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets once a week, or better still, one or two, by all means. Twenty-five cents a trial, each Drugstore.

**CANDREMAS**—is the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin. On this occasion the faithful of the Church bring to the edifice candles, which are to be blessed during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Some of these are for the private use of contributors at their homes, while the majority are intended for the use of the Church during the year.  
**FARMS FOR SALE.**  
**Choice Farm for Sale.**  
On account of ill health the subscriber offers for sale his farm situated in the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y. Said farm consists of 150 acres, 30 of which are in wood, balance under fine cultivation. Good buildings, large orchard, and well watered. Post office, store, hotel, &c., within forty rods of house. Hardly a day of the year is the farm without a good crop of corn, wheat, &c. Terms, one third in hand, balance can remain on mortgage ten years if desired. For further particulars enquire of E. H. Wadsworth, Mexico, or the subscriber on the premises.  
WM. W. WADSWORTH.  
Hastings, Jan. 30th, 1873. 14-2a

**Farm for Sale or to Rent.**  
The undersigned offers his farm for Sale or to Rent. Said farm is situated about one mile from the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y. Said farm consists of 150 acres, 30 of which are in wood, balance under fine cultivation. Good buildings, large orchard, and well watered. Post office, store, hotel, &c., within forty rods of house. Hardly a day of the year is the farm without a good crop of corn, wheat, &c. Terms, one third in hand, balance can remain on mortgage ten years if desired. For further particulars enquire of E. H. Wadsworth, Mexico, or the subscriber on the premises.  
WM. W. WADSWORTH.  
Hastings, Jan. 30th, 1873. 14-2a

**Farm for Sale.**  
The undersigned, on account of ill health in his family, offers his farm for sale, situated about one mile from the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y. Said farm consists of 150 acres, 30 of which are in wood, balance under fine cultivation. Good buildings, large orchard, and well watered. Post office, store, hotel, &c., within forty rods of house. Hardly a day of the year is the farm without a good crop of corn, wheat, &c. Terms, one third in hand, balance can remain on mortgage ten years if desired. For further particulars enquire of E. H. Wadsworth, Mexico, or the subscriber on the premises.  
WM. W. WADSWORTH.  
Hastings, Jan. 30th, 1873. 14-2a

**FOR SALE.**  
One-half mile west of the Mexico Academy, on Fulton St., a farm of 30 acres, with good buildings. Also 10 acres on the same street, building, house and out buildings. Also 10 acres on Main St. A farm of 73 acres, 3 miles east of the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y. Said farm is situated about one mile from the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y. Said farm consists of 150 acres, 30 of which are in wood, balance under fine cultivation. Good buildings, large orchard, and well watered. Post office, store, hotel, &c., within forty rods of house. Hardly a day of the year is the farm without a good crop of corn, wheat, &c. Terms, one third in hand, balance can remain on mortgage ten years if desired. For further particulars enquire of E. H. Wadsworth, Mexico, or the subscriber on the premises.  
J. W. LAWTON.  
Mexico, Nov. 5, 1872.

**Farm for Sale.**  
The undersigned offers for sale his farm, near Hill Depot, in the town of Richland, Oswego County, N. Y. Said farm contains 12 acres of excellent land, on which are two never failing springs. It is an orchard of 40 trees of the choicest kinds. The house and barn are in fair condition. The house has a new wood cistern, and the barn is well watered. The above property will be sold cheap and on easy terms. For particulars, apply to JOHN SPRINGER, near Hill Depot.  
**FARM FOR SALE.**  
The undersigned wishing to change their business offers their farm for sale. It consists of 30 acres, 1 mile from Parish, Depot, on S. N. R. R. Well watered, and well wooded. 5 years time will be given on one half.  
Parish, Jan. 27, 1873. C. P. BORT & CO.

**Dairy Farm for Sale.**  
Containing ninety-five acres, situated in New Haven, Oswego County, about 40 rods south of the Oswego and Rome R. R., on the road leading to Pleasant Point. 250 rods of new fence has been built on the farm within the past 2 years, and last summer there was erected thereon a dairy house with basement, at the cost of over \$300, completed in the most ample and convenient manner. Dwelling house contains 10 rooms, is nearly new, and is surrounded with beautiful shade trees, evergreens, 1 out building, horse barn, corn house, hogpen, and a barn 26 by 60, with basement and shed adjoining. Also an orchard 50 rods large, just coming into bearing. Also peaches, cherries, &c.  
PRICE \$6,000.  
T. H. AUSTIN.  
New Haven, Oswego Co., Jan. 20, 1873.

**Teachers' Association.**  
The Teachers of the Second Commissioners' District, will hold their first Association under the supervision of Com. Howard, at Parish, Feb. 14 and 15, 1873. The programme will be as follows:  
Friday evening, Lecture, Saturday, 9:30 a. m., Reading, (word method) by Miss Clara Landgraaf, of Cleveland. 10:30 a. m., Geography, by E. T. Rulison, of Parish.—Intermission.  
1:30 p. m., Arithmetic, by J. W. Cole, of Amboy. 2:30 p. m., Select Reading, by Miss A. M. Coit, of Central Square. Grammar, by Miss Kate Hawthorne, of Gilbert's Mills. Miscellaneous exercises. Adjournment.  
All teachers, and friends of education, of this and adjoining Districts are earnestly requested to attend.  
W. R. ABERNETHY, Secretary.  
Parish, Jan. 10, 1873.

**Go to Ballard's for your Oysters,**  
**New Sheet Music at Virgil's.**  
—Moore's Rural New Yorker for \$2.00. A \$5.00 picture for 50 cts. additional. Subscribe it.  
L. L. VIRGIL'S.

**GOOD SLEIGHS FOR SALE.**—Francis Villard has good sleighs for sale. He will give time on approved notes or take wood or lumber in exchange.  
Mexico, Dec 3, 1872.  
**Go to L. G. Ballard's and get some of his New Orleans Molasses.**  
**We make Tea a specialty,** and all lovers of good tea can save money by buying of Ballard. 5-4t  
**Go and see the largest assortment of Pocket Cutlery that was ever offered in town at**  
**HOOPER & COBBS.**  
**Come and see our new Plant Book,** sets just what everybody wants for his window plants. 5-4t L. G. BALLARD.

**CHRIST CHURCH (Universalist).**—Regular services every Sunday, 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited. Seats free. Rev. James Vincent, Pastor.  
**The place to buy Extension Tables is at Ballard's Furniture Store.**  
**MORTGAGE SALE.**—Whereas debt has been made in the payment of \$24,000, which is claimed to be due at this date, on a certain mortgage bearing date the 19th day of August, 1872, executed by William J. More, and Nancy M. More, his wife, of the County of Oswego, and State of New York, to William DeWolf, of the same county, which mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Oswego, and State of New York, on the 20th day of August, 1872, at 3 o'clock p. m., in Liber 86 of mortgages, at page 222, and that no proceedings at law have been commenced to recover the debt secured by a mortgage, nor any part thereof. Now, the power of sale contained in said mortgage, of the state of this case made and provided the premises described in and covered by said mortgage, to wit:—All that tract or parcel of land situated in the town of Parish, County of Oswego, and State of New York, known as the corner of lot number 4, great lot No. twenty-seven, (27), of the twenty-third, (23), township of Serbia's patent, containing one hundred and fifty acres of land, more or less.  
Also that other piece or parcel of land situated in the town of Amboy, County of Oswego, and State of New York, known as the corner of lot formerly owned by Mary A. Shaver, and purchased on a mortgage of \$10,000, and being on lot No. 99, of township No. six, (6), of Serbia's patent, and bounded on the south by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the north by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the east by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the west by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the south by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the north by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the east by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the west by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the south by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the north by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. Y., and on the east by the village of Hastings, Oswego Co., N. 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**Beautify your Complexion.** Do not use paint or powder, but get a more permanent beauty by purifying the blood. A preparation of **Iron and Pore-Kee** will do this. It will change the complexion, and give a healthy freshness and health, and remove any eruptions, blotches, pimples, or any other blemishes of the skin. It will give a healthy cheek and healthy complexion to the pale and sickly. **Pore-Kee's Compound Syrup of Poke Root.**